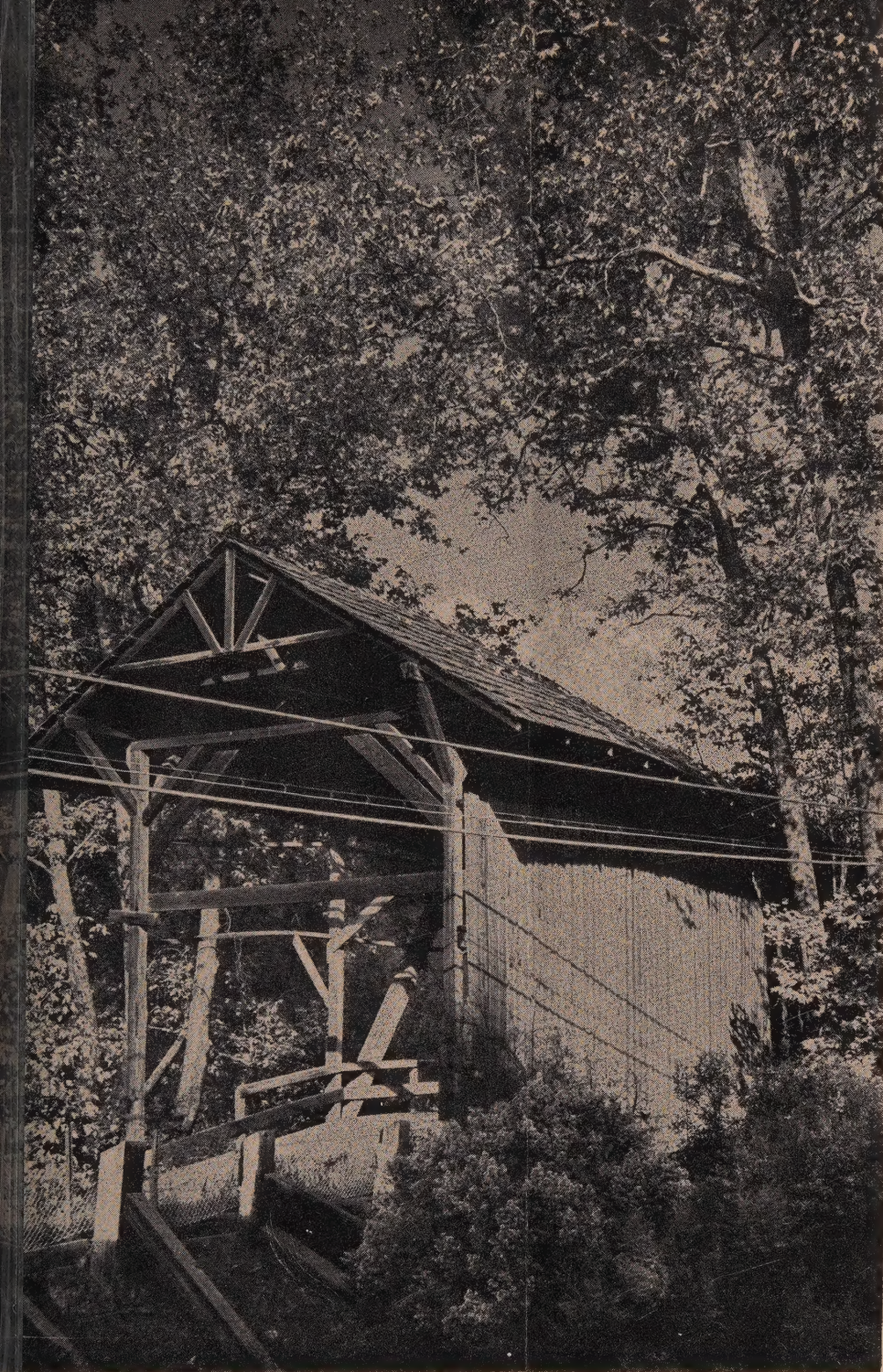


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Covered bridges mark early roads in rural California.

Glad Tidings

He Meant Well

While they slept, death crept into a peaceful home and snatched the lives of a family of six: father, mother, and four small children. Tragedy struck the home, some twelve miles out of Victorville, California, some time during the second week end of March, the bodies being found the following Tuesday by inquiring neighbors when they failed to see signs of life about the small ranch. The tightly closed windows and a gas heater burning full blast testified to the cause of death. They had suffocated.

The house of death was the product of the father's own hands, and they had but recently moved into two rooms of the unfinished home constructed of concrete blocks on a cement floor. Father and mother felt safe in a home of their own that last night they put their little brood to bed. With every block laid on the walls that rose to make the home, they had built a dream for the future, when Joseph and John, and Helen and Mary Ann, all yet too young for school, would grow and blossom into the young men and young women they could be proud of and enjoy. Years stretched out before them. The house must be sturdy. The forty acres of the ranch would provide space and work and livelihood. Life was beginning for another American family. But it was all over long before the neighbors found them and the coroner was called.

It might be said that in one sense he built too well (for a crack or other open place would have saved their lives); he neglected to put in air vents. Though that father meant well, he was sincerely and tragically wrong.

How like so many people who in making provision for the things they feel they need, neglect the more important details to preserve the lives they cherish. Feeling that all of life is before them, they live in today's circumstances unaware of the serious omission in their life structure. Victuals and vitamins are important for their young, but too often they think religion can be optional. Some build strong the walls of material security on a foundation of popularity, the while forgetting they have souls to train and characters to mold. They see they have reading, writing, and arithmetic, but forget about religion, redemption, and righteousness. An unanswered question in the Bible still remains: "*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?*" (Heb. 2:3). And there's another: "*What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?*" (Mark 8:36).

Our Redeemer Lord concluded the Sermon on the Mount with instruction on how to build a house—the house of acceptable Christian living. With the

scalpel of keen penetration. He lays bare the motives and examines the heart, and puts everyone who's ever heard His gospel into one of two classes: "*Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them*" and "*every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not.*" He told of two houses built to the same specifications and subjected to the same test. One builder, not careful of the hidden part, had built upon the sand. He was credited with building as much as the wise men, but when the storm came, he lost the good that he had done, for his house fell, and great was the crash of it.

This parallels the preceding lesson, that not everyone who calls "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, even though he can list some great accomplishments in Christ's name. Only what the eye can see in either house or man is insufficient. There's need for something more to stand the strain of pressure when fair weather days are over and the storm has come to test. As stands the well built house on solid rock when flood and fury blast, so abides the man who builds his life upon the Word of God — with obedience to its teaching, as well as in acceptance of its proffered blessings. —M. M.

Barabbas

Barabbas, convicted of murder; Barabbas,
the ne'er-do-well,
Awaiting the death of a felon, sat in his
prison cell.
Already his cross was fashioned—at dawn
they would nail him high;
When down through the dingy cell house
there came to his ears a cry:
Barabbas! Barabbas! Barabbas! Barabbas
whose hands are red!
Take you the lowly Nazarene's and spare
us his life instead.
And a sickened and frightened Pilate who
dared not their pleas deny
Released to the mob Barabbas and ordered
the Christ to die.
They saved him with shout and tumult,
Barabbas with hands unclean.
Barabbas, of evil doing, who knew not the
Nazarene,
Was saved by a sudden fancy, turned loose
and not knowing why—
Sent back to the street and the gutter,
alone and unloved, to die.
In the gloom of that gray Good Friday
the Saviour they crucified,
And the mad throng stood about Him and
mocked till the hour He died;
They knew not what they were doing, but
Pilate, pale and afraid,
Stood at the window watching, regretting
the choice they'd made!

—Edgar A. Guest

In the Love of God

One great fact is often overlooked by Christian people, namely, that we have committed ourselves into the hands of a loving God and that all things which come to our lives are consistent with His love for us. Only the realization of this fact will enable us to live in spiritual contentment and constant inner victory.

"When any bright thing befalls you," says Dr. F. B. Meyer, "when anyone says anything kind of you; when an unexpected gift falls at your feet; when a new friendship enters your life; when the sun shines brightly on your path, look up, and know that all lovely and helpful things are the children of the love of God. Do not be so occupied with the gift, or the channel through which it comes, as to ignore the Giver himself. And when unkind things are said or done; when robber bands steal your goods, as Job's; when friends disappoint you, and Shimei's curse, then look up, and be sure that all is permitted by a love that cares for you none the less tenderly when it withholds its help."

When we are in the love of God nothing can separate us from that love and nothing can come to us but what comes through His love. Let us take the bitter things that come through God's love as well as the bright things and use them to the development of our characters and thus more beautifully glorify Christ in our living.

The dictionary is the only place where you come to success before you get to work.

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You cannot change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly beautiful present by worrying over the future.

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Another viewpoint sees . . .

The Naturalness of the Resurrection

"Whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it."
—Acts 2:24.

The reign of law produces and maintains harmony in the material universe. In accordance with this divinely established harmony of the material universe there is such a thing as necessary sequence. Given certain conditions, certain results must follow. That is, in the realm of the material some things are impossible. It is impossible, for example, for two material bodies to occupy the same space at the same time. We may and we ought to project this law of harmony into the realm of the spiritual.

Much harm has been done the cause of religion by assuming that the spiritual world is lawless. There is a law of sequence in spiritual things as in material; some things are impossible in the spiritual realm. In our text we are brought face to face with one of these impossibilities: *"It was not possible that He should be holden of it."* It was an impossibility for Jesus not to rise from the dead. There would have been a violation of the natural sequence of things if he had not risen.

This is contrary to the usual thought with reference to the resurrection. Men say that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was impossible, because such a resurrection would be a violation of the law of natural sequence, which is universal in its sweep. Even Christian people have been accustomed to look upon the resurrection as the most stupendous violation of natural sequence. This inspired declaration of Peter reveals that we have been looking at the resurrection in the wrong light in thus viewing it. *"It was not possible that He should be holden of it."* It would have been a violation of the nature of things if He had not risen. His death was a miracle; it was quite impossible that it should be a perpetuated miracle. Instead of the resurrection being a violent break in the order of nature, it was the restoration of the order of nature. I use the word natural here not as antithetical to the spiritual. The true antithesis of the spiritual is the material or the physical. Neither do I use the word natural in antithesis to the supernatural. I use the word natural here in antithesis to the disorderly, the inharmonious, the incongruous. For Jesus Christ not to have risen from the dead would have been inharmonious, disorderly, incongruous, a violent break in the law of natural sequence.

This declaration of Peter in his Pentecostal sermon is not the only passage which presents this view of Christ's

resurrection. In the various passages in the Gospel narrative referring to this subject, His resurrection is usually spoken of as an imperious necessity. In the visit of the two disciples to the sepulcher on the first Easter morning, when John also entered the tomb, this is the record which he gives of his experience: *"And he saw and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture that He must rise from the dead."* This necessity was not understood by the disciples until after the event. After these centuries of Christian history we ought to be able to see even more clearly than they the relation of events to the demands of spiritual law. It will help us to see the full meaning of this declaration of the naturalness of Christ's resurrection, to note the contradictions involved in His being held under the power of death.

I. For Jesus not to have risen would have been a contradiction of His character. By the word character here is not meant the moral quality of His being but the expression of what He really is, in His very nature. It is agreed that John's Gospel gives us the deepest insight into the very nature of Jesus. His Gospel is not so much occupied with external incidents as with internal realities. In the presentation of that inner nature he uses certain words more frequently than others. One of the favorite words is life, one of the keynotes of this Gospel. *"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."* *"The Father hath life in Himself: so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself."* *"I am the bread of life."* *"I am come that they might have life."* And then the thrilling

statement He made as He talked with Martha about death: *"I am the resurrection and the life."* If these passages are a true statement of His nature, then to associate Jesus permanently with death is a contradiction. So though for a time He came under the power of death, it was not possible for Him to be holden of it. There is a hint of this thought in Peter's second recorded sermon after the resurrection. Speaking to his Jewish countrymen, he said: *"Ye denied the holy and righteous one . . . and killed the prince (author) of life, whom God raised from the death."* How could it be possible for the Author of Life, who had life in Himself, an underived life, to come permanently under the dominion of death? We must either deny these statements which make the person of Jesus and life synonymous, or admit the naturalness of the resurrection.

Advancing from the inherent life of Jesus to the manifestation of that life in moral quality, we see a contradiction between that moral quality and permanent death. The supreme moral quality of Jesus was holiness. Holiness is more than sinlessness; it is sinlessness plus wholeness. Physical corruption is allied with moral corruption. It is logically inconceivable that a person who is both sinless and absolutely pure should be allied with physical corruption. This is the thought which Peter immediately proceeds to develop. *"It was not possible for Him to be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning Him . . . neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."*

II. For Jesus not to have risen would have been a contradiction of His conduct. During His entire ministry He claimed and manifested complete power over the forces of life. This power was manifested in His miracles of healing. He loosed the tongue of the dumb, unstopped the ears of the deaf, and opened the eyes of the blind. He brought new vigor to palsied limbs. He stood in the house of Jairus and by a simple word restored her to life who was dead. At Nain He stopped those who were bearing the dead body, and with the voice of authority said, *"Young man, I say unto thee, Arise."* And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. He stood by the grave at Bethany and called with a loud voice, *"Lazarus, come forth."* Would it not be an incongruous thing for one who thus commanded disease and death itself to be permanently held by death? When we bear in mind that this power was a part of His very nature, inherent and immutable, then we can see how it was not possible for Him to be holden of death.

III. For Jesus not to have risen would have been a contradiction of His commission. He came that men might have life and that they might have it abund-



antly. "I am the bread of life"—the sustenance. But how could He permanently impart life to others if He remained under the power of death? He came that He might bring life and immortality to light in the gospel. But how could He bring any real revelation of immortality if He gave no personal evidence of immortality? He came that He might destroy him that had the power of death. But how could He destroy him that had the power of death if He were destroyed by death? He came to make a propitiation for the sins of the whole world. But how could that expiation avail if He were permanently subject to death, which is the result of sin? For Him to have remained under the power of death would have been to have no seal upon the efficacy of His life work. His

resurrection is the consummation of His commission. It was the Father's benediction upon the Saviour's finished work. As Matheson has beautifully said: "Easter morning was the Father's audible Amen to the work of Jesus."

The resurrection of Jesus was, therefore, in entire harmony with His character, His conduct, and His divine commission. It was not the resurrection which gave Him glory. It was His glory which caused the resurrection. It was not immortality conferred, but immortality emerging into view. It was the manifestation of inherent life. The basis of our belief in the resurrection to come is the resurrection already realized in Jesus Christ.

—W. D. Sexton (Selected)

The New Creature in Christ is manifest in . . .

Holiness

by Donald F. Lehmann

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."—Eph. 4:23, 24.

The spirit of God which now dwells within us and which quickened us unto a new creature in Christ, created us anew in righteousness and true holiness. The seed of life implanted in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit brought forth fruit in the form of a new creature, a holy child, the Christ. Just so does the seed of life, the Word of God, implanted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit bear fruit in the form of a new creature, a new creature in Christ; for He is born within in righteousness and true holiness. Therefore, just as Christ, born in holiness began to grow and mature, growing in stature and in favor with God and man, we too who are born of the seed implanted by the Holy Spirit are expected by God to grow and mature in holiness and righteousness even as did our Lord and Saviour, for we too are created in holiness.

Let us be impressed with the fact that the born-again person, the new creature in Christ, was created, born, formed and molded with holiness and righteousness as a part of his nature. Holiness and righteousness do not grow as fruit in our lives; holiness and righteousness are fundamental parts of our spiritual being which mature as we mature and grow as we grow. The fruit of the Spirit is to the redeemed person as the apple is to the apple tree, while holiness in the life of the Christian might be considered as a parallel to the sap of the apple tree. The difference is evident in that whereas the fruit is enjoyed, is seen, is appreciated and brings life, the sap supplies the tree with stamina, endurance, and

the power to grow the fruit.

Holiness is not a dogma or doctrine for which to contend or argue about, for holiness is inbred in our nature. The life of holiness is so clearly defined in the Scriptures that it defies controversy. We as Christians do not find ourselves in the position where we can either be living in holiness or refuse to live in holiness as we please. Holiness is an absolute requirement of our God. We dare not question whether we need salvation in the face of the Scriptures that say *"Ye must be born again."* (John 3:3). We do not question the necessity of a Spirit-filled life in the face of the quotations such as, *"Be filled with the Spirit"* (Eph. 5:18), and *"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost."* (Acts 2:4). Neither can we refuse the Holy walk before God in the light of *"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."* (Eph. 1:4). Therefore, if holiness in the life is not an alternative, but a necessity, let us find out exactly what holiness means and how we may live in more holiness day by day.

The word holy means "pertaining to holiness, morally excellent, of highest spiritual purity, consecrated, hallowed." The word of God bears out these dictionary definitions literally in many places through both the Old and New Testaments. (For example: Eph. 1:4, Rom. 12:1, Gen. 17:1, Heb. 12:14, and others.) What responsibility becomes ours when we learn that holiness means all these things and that when we become as God wants us we find purity stamped over every phase of our existence, our talk is pure, our associations

are godly, our friendships are in Christ, our work is merely a means of paying expenses so that we might glorify God to a greater extent; while our study of the Word, our prayer times, and our opportunities for witnessing for the Master have become a haven of rest from the cares of this sin-cursed world.

If God expects perfection, who are we to question the omniscience of our Maker and God? If God looks for holiness, it is for us to strive toward purity and for our God to give the power in life to be pure. If God requires perfection, it is for us to strive toward perfection. Recall the occasion in Bible history when God appeared to an old man, Abraham, who was ninety-nine years old, and gave him this message: *"I am the Almighty God; walk before Me and be thou perfect."* (Gen. 17:1). This, God spake to a godly old man who had so believed that he left his home, his loved ones, the security of friendships that he might follow God. In spite of his definite faith in God, in spite of a daily communion with God, Abraham was called upon at the age of ninety-nine to make more sacrifices, to live even more circumspectly, and to consecrate more fully. Was this for lip worship, for a form of godliness? No. God demanded perfection. Let us observe that God is pleased with nothing save absolute holiness, and, having yielded, let us profit withal.

In the life of holiness led by the new creature in Christ, we find holiness as the direct enemy of sin. Holiness, being an endowment of God at the time of our new birth must be an opposite from sin, which is a natural endowment of the physical, natural man. As mentioned in Romans 8:5, 9, the spiritual and natural natures of man have no part one with the other. Therefore, if holiness is the enemy of sin and is a God-given virtue, it follows that we must, in order to retain a God-given virtue in our lives, dismiss sin entirely and cleave to holiness as the will of God for our lives. It has been said that all sin does in our lives is to separate us from the love of God. If we cleave to sin, therefore, we are subjecting ourselves to a life outside His matchless love and outside the contact of His convicting and abiding Holy Spirit. When this is considered, it is understood that any sin, large or small in our own sight, is measured in separation in God's sight. What difference is it if we miss a train one minute or one hour? In either case we are left. Likewise whether we miss His will by a small sin or large sin (as we choose to think of sin) let us remember that in the judgment we shall not receive the reward of the righteous.

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If I Have Not Vision

Though I speak concerning foreign missions with great eloquence, and have not vision, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I spend long hours in study and reading missionary literature and know much concerning the hardships and difficulties of a missionary's life and have not vision, it profiteth me nothing.

Vision holdeth one steady before God; vision enableth one to pray earnestly; vision burdeneth that others may have salvation.

Doth not exalt any but Christ, seeketh only the redemption of the lost, is given to those who earnestly seek for it, thinketh no price too great to pay;

Trieth not to discourage those who would be missionaries, but trieth to encourage them to answer the call of God;

Beareth another's burdens, believeth that God is willing to undertake, hopeth for the salvation of many, endureth seeming failure and disappointment.

Vision doth not soon fail: but where there be excitement aroused by hair-raising stories it shall fail; where there be mere tears stirred at missionary convention, they shall cease; where there be only interest, it shall vanish away.

For all Christians know in part and all Christians see in part; but when they have a vision their lukewarmness and intermittent interest shall be done away.

Before I caught the vision, I spoke as one without vision, I prayed as one without vision; but when I caught the vision, I put away half-hearted things.

For now at least I have caught but a faint glimpse of the need which Jesus alone can satisfy, but some day I shall realize it fully; now I know something of the price salvation cost, but then shall I see it clearly, even as also it hath been purchased for me. —Author Unknown

No Time for God

No time for God, yet we've time for ourselves.

Time to eat foods that He puts on our shelves,

Time to breathe air that He made for our lungs,

Time to waste talk, yet He fashioned our tongues,

Time to go places, and time to do things That little or nothing of recompense brings.

Time for the cumbersome duties of life.

Time for amusement, and even for strife.

Time for all things, yet the day may soon dawn

When we wish we from selfish ambitions were drawn.

To do the Lord's work, and more thankful to be

That we live in God's world in the land of the free!

—S. J. Gardner.

What's Going On About Us — — —

Stamp Will Honor Bible

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the printing of the Gutenberg Bible, the Post Office Department will issue a special stamp. Between 1450 and 1455 the first book ever to be printed by movable type was published by Johannes Gutenberg in Mainz, Germany. This innovation in the printing process heralded the beginning of the widespread influence of the printed page and its great part in the dissemination of knowledge in every field of learning. While Christians may well be glad to see the Bible honored by the stamp issue, it is to be remembered that the new stamp is designed primarily to honor the wonderfully improved printing method inaugurated 500 years ago.

May Try Again

Opinion is generally expressed that we will probably not hear much for a while about the proposed ambassador to the Vatican. With the withdrawal of General Mark Clark as candidate for the post, the President is not expected to press the matter further at the present time, considering the mass of protests filed with members of Congress by their constituents at home to build up a hurdle for the consummation of the arrangement. However, there are those who expect that to save face Mr. Truman will appoint at least a personal representative. While the mails are still operating and the telegraph companies doing business, there is nothing to stop another wave of expressed opposition. If everyone awake to the implication of this partiality to any one certain church will get in the act, the tide can rise still higher than the last level of expressed indignation.

Another Open Door

In discouraging applications of American citizens "desiring to go to Formosa for any purpose," the State Department, so a spokesman said, considered the food and housing situation, as well as the danger of military operations. Improved living conditions and the apparent lessening of war tensions have modified the position of the Department, which is now granting a limited number of permits to travel in the island stronghold of Nationalist China.

Can't Leave God Out of History of Man

A 3,000,000-word "History of Mankind" written by 1,000 "world scholars" is to be published under the sponsorship of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Evangelical Bible scholars have expressed concern over the fact that the outline of

the work, six volumes in all, does not include a single reference to "God, Christ or Christianity." When the absence of a reference to Christianity was brought to the attention of Dr. Ralph E. Turner, professor of history at Yale University, and the chairman of the editorial committee, he answered that although he had used the term "Christian Culture" in his own work "The Great Cultural Traditions," it "seemed best" not to use the term in planning the "History of Mankind." However, he added that Christian Culture will be treated in different parts of every volume except the first one.

Chapel In Capitol

The Billy Graham meetings in Washington, D.C., are credited with the influence that produced a move for a chapel for the Nation's law makers.

The chapel, located just off the rotunda of the Capitol, for the executive use of the members of Congress will be established if a resolution introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives is passed. It is planned that it be equipped with altars suitable for each of the major religious faiths. A joint statement issued by the resolution's sponsors, Rep. Brooks Hays of Arkansas and Senator A. S. Monroney of Oklahoma, include the following:

"We believe that there is a long-felt need among members of Congress for a convenient place in the Capitol where they might retire for prayer, and that in keeping with the American principles of complete freedom of worship, each might find in the chapel facilities for expressing his religious faith.

"We are convinced that there is a special need for such facilities in the period of tension which the world now experiences and that members of Congress would welcome the establishment of a chapel of this kind."

The finest attainment in life is to be able to discern our hours of opportunity.

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It is always at the gateway of life's greatest blessings that the devil places his picket guard for tempting.

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Be bold in what you stand for, but be careful in what you fall for.

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When an engine starts knocking, it begins to stop pulling.

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The domination sin has over us is in proportion to the delight we have in it.

What's New at Glad Tidings?

1. A NEW PAMPHLET

We are just completing publication of a new 8-page, two-color pamphlet entitled "A Day at Glad Tidings." This pamphlet contains more than thirty interesting candid photos of campus and students. Copies are free on request to anyone interested.

2. THE ENLARGED "TIDE"

Our regular school paper "TIDE" is now being published quarterly in new and enlarged form. It is nicely printed, with several photos and illustrations, and a roundup of alumni news. Subscription is free, and alumni, prospective students, and interested friends are invited to submit names for our mailing list.

3. Our New Radio Program

For several weeks now, Glad Tidings has been conducting its own Gospel radio program. This program is released over station KDON of Salinas at 10:30 to 11:00 on Sunday evening. The frequency of KDON is 1460 kc. We are told that it has wide coverage in the late evenings. We invite friends to dial our way, and we would be especially encouraged by cards and letters from our listeners.

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Good Friday Penetcostal Rally

Our General Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg will be the speaker at the great meeting Scheduled for April 11 in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium

All Pentecostal people in the bay area, in fact all in Northern California who can, are not only invited but are urged to attend the great Pentecostal rally scheduled for Good Friday evening, April 11, at 7:30 in the great Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The Golden Gate Pentecostal Fellowship, an association of full gospel groups in the bay area, is sponsoring this great rally as a testimony to the whole area that Pentecost is on the march, that this great movement is no longer to be relegated to the disregard of sister evangelical bod-

ies. God has blessed those who have come out for the experience and testimony of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and in spite of opposition (maybe because of it we have clung the harder to what we know to be real) this vine of His planting has thrived to the amazement of those who have belittled and besmirched.

Special music for the occasion will be provided by the members of the well known Haven of Rest radio program. Brother W. R. Steelberg, our General Superintendent, is coming from Springfield, Missouri, to be the speaker.

The chairman of the board of directors of the sponsoring group is Brother L. R. Keys. Another member of the board is Brother Winston Nelson. Brother Charles G. Weston is on the publicity committee.

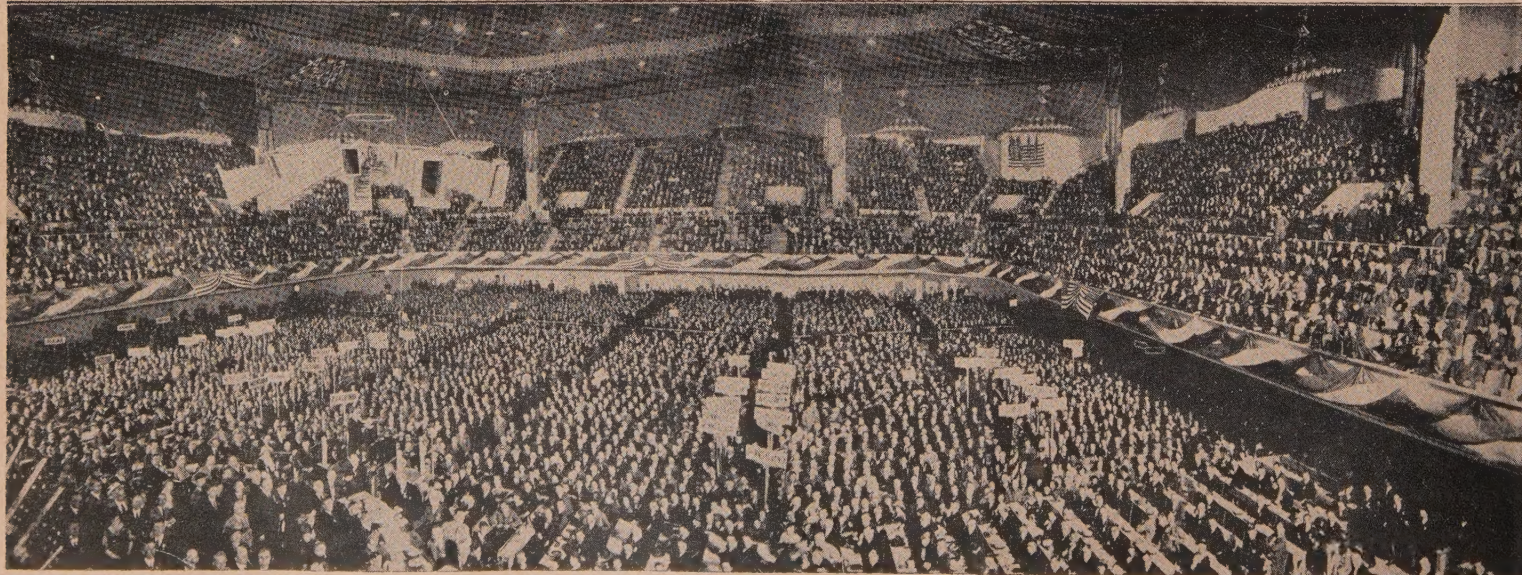
There are two reasons why all who can should be present. First, it will be a great evening, a rare occasion for so many of like precious faith to get together in a great auditorium and to share for a little while the great fellowship into which we have been brought by this great experience. The second reason is this: if we all get there, there will be a great crowd and a great witness to a great city in a still greater metropolitan area. If everyone feels that everyone else will go, and the crowd is small, the result and reaction will be that which none of us will be proud of. Let's get behind this with a combination of sense of service and anticipation of blessing.

That Precious Blood

Upon a life I did not live,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life, Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.
Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears, Another's griefs,
On them I rest, on them alone.
Not what these hands have done
Can save the guilty soul;
Not what this toiling flesh has born,
Can make the spirit whole.
Thy blood alone, Lord Jesus,
Can cleanse my soul from sin:
Thy Word alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within!

—H. Bonar

The Civic Auditorium in San Francisco looks like this when filled. Located on Grove Street between Polk and Larkin, it seats 12,000.



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Heroic Endurance

The religion of the New Testament never has a moment, so to say, in which to sit down. Why this energy? Why this rush? Why this quest for new spheres? You find the reason in the religion itself.

Love cannot rest until that one vacant chair is filled up. Love cannot be satisfied until the last child has come home. Love cannot be quite easy until the last lost sheep has been recovered to the fold. Other religions can stay at home and be quiet; other religions muse and dream and contemplate; they can see themselves best in the cloud of smoke; when the eyes are glazed over, and when the head is incapable of energetic thinking, then the religion now referred to seems to float in the air — very beautiful, very exquisite, almost artistic, and requiring almost genius itself to spell out any word of all its meaning.

Christianity is otherwise. Its feet are on the earth; it goes from nation to nation, learns every language as if by right; its great battle word and its great love-word is not Israel, but Man. Is there any greater word than Man—except the solitary word of God?—and God created Man in his own image and likeness, and made room for him on his throne.

Pity will not allow its real believers to be dumb, inert, self-felicitating, and self-satisfying; it is restless, impetuous, urgent, resurgent; it will set its feet on every yellow shore, it will grow the fruits of God in every wilderness. Perhaps this is the enthusiastic view: without enthusiasm we can have no living faith.

If your faith is only in your head it is useless; it may be an aggravation of the guilt with which you are chargeable. Faith must get right down into the heart, into the furnace part of your being, where the fire flames and glows, and there it must enter into the very quality of that fire, and come up again in glory, in the glory of beneficence and heroic endurance and suffering. —Joseph A. Parker

Say much of what the Lord has done for you,—but little of what you have done for the Lord. Do not utter a self-glorifying sentence.



THE CAMP COMMITTEE MET AT BETHANY PARK February 20. The members took time out for dinner. Here they are in the school dining room. Beginning at left foreground and going clockwise: W. T. Gaston, R. P. Murray, Jack Errington, L. E. Weston, R. J. Thurmond, K. M. Haystead, H. D. Byram, E. O. Robeck, and Enoch Christoffersen.

The Secretary Appreciates Response for World Convention Trip

Thanks for the many contributions and well wishes toward the trip to the International Pentecostal Conference in London June 26 to July 6. I am now making plans to go, as more than half enough for the trip has been received, and many have expressed their intention to send in an offering before June 8. I plan to leave at that time so as to have a few days to visit some of the other large cities of Europe, if the Lord makes it possible, before the conference, and then I can return home as soon as the meetings are over. God bless you one and all.

—R. J. Thurmond

Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because it is impossible to quit and take a rest.

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The fear of death is never strong in him who has learned how to live.

Pastors and Church Secretaries Please Take Note

Now is the time to file application with your County Assessor for tax exemption for your church property. This should be done at once. Application must be filed each year.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

APRIL

- 7—Waterford, Weott
- 14—Boonville, Carmichael
- 21—Saint Helena, San Jose (First)
(all-day ministers institute)
- 22—Montague
- 28—Merced, Morgan Hill,
Redding

MAY

- 5—Klamath, Modesto (Tully
Road)
- 12—Covelo, San Bruno, Sutter
Creek
- 19—Healdsburg
- 20—Dunsmuir
- 26—Pinedale, Watsonville
(Bethel)
- 29, 30—Las Vegas, Nevada

CAMP MEETING — JUNE 27 thru JULY 13

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April 28

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FOR NORTH BAY, EAST BAY, and

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A Call to

Christlikeness

by Maurice V. Contreras

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."—Romans 13:14

As the Sun of righteousness shines around us, we contract a luminosity like His. Our sanctification is obtained through contemplating Him, and that same image that is in Him becomes ours from glory to glory. It is this likeness to our Lord that makes us increasingly earnest, useful and happy in our daily walk. I wonder, Christ's Ambassadors, if you have put on the Lord Jesus

What does it mean for a young person to put on the Lord Jesus? It is Christ Himself that we put on. We do not merely accept His salvation and let it go at that, but we also put on everything that made up the entirety of Jesus Himself. Christ does not give us a robe to put on. He is that robe. It is the whole Christ that we put on.

The secret of power in the wonderful life of our Lord was His completely sur-

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"Eighty-five thousand Christ's National C. A. Day, Sunday, April 28, 1952, in reporting that churches all over the annual event instituted by our General Conference."

READY, their C. A. Day slogan emphasizes training for Christian living in C. A. Day services will be mailed tags, and a full brochure of ideas at each church by April 1, please notify the Missouri.

C. A. DAY IS PAY DAY! It is that churches are urged to receive offeringment. **ONE OFFERING** a year must be made by youth which include publications, leadership training, aid to college students, and urges the co-operation of every church.



THE CENTRAL VALLEY C. A. GROUP. Pastor and Mrs. Maurice Contreras stand at the ends of the back row. The new president is Miss Dorothy Herber, who is seated third from the left in the front row.

rendered will to His Father in heaven. He never attempted to take one step in any direction unless it was in the perfect will of the Father. His feet always went about in the avenues which would lead Him to minister the gospel of joy and hope. His hands were always ready to minister help. His eyes were constant-

ly searching out for that one who was in desperate circumstances. His heart was soft and tender, full of love and compassion. His mouth spoke words of wisdom and brought hope and courage. His power healed the sick and set the captives free. His robe was the will of His God. He lived not for Himself but for others.

Have you, as a young person, put on the Lord Jesus? Have you accepted the Lord as your Saviour? Is your life hidden away with Christ in God? Have you

received power through the indwelling Spirit? If so, what are you doing, as a representative of Christ, to be a blessing to that needy soul who travels along with you on life's highway

Christ's Ambassadors, this world is not our home. We are just pilgrims here, and because we are just pilgrims, and citizens of heaven, we do not conduct ourselves as the children of the night, making provision for the flesh to fulfill the lust thereof. But we occupy precious moments of the morning, weaving into our nature the character of Christ as the apparel or garment of the eternal day. And with faith that worketh by love, we diligently co-operate with the Holy Spirit, Who in His office work is seeing to it that before the Bridegroom cometh His bride shall be found clothed in His spiritual perfection as with a garment without seam. No more beautiful character can be found than the character of young men and women clothed with the garment of His salvation and filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, living not for themselves, but living unselfish lives, with a passion for souls and an undying love and loyalty to their Master and Lord.

This is putting on the Lord Jesus. No longer I, but Christ in me, the hope of glory.

Brother Contreras is pastor of the Central Valley Assembly of God.

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Two Youth Camps

Young Adult Camp - Ages 17-35 - June 22 to 27

High School Camp - Ages 14-16 - July 27 to Aug. 2

Bethany Park

Rev. C. M. Ward of Bakersfield evangelist for both camps



L. W. SUTER
District Sunday
School Director

The Loyalty Campaign

It seems a good thing that the word *faithfulness* has a more exciting synonym—that when our English language was formed people felt the need for a more inspiring word to express the homely thought of faithfulness.

The glamorous word for faithfulness is *loyalty*. Loyalty to friends or cause means to be faithful to them in spite of scorn, persecution, gossip or any other hindrance. This is why we have called the post-Easter campaign, emphasizing faithfulness to Christ, His Word and His church, a loyalty campaign. Loyalty to the Lord, too, can be a thrilling, challenging experience.

Paul Copeland, director of the National Sunday School Department, says,

"Loyalty means faithfulness to one's engagements or obligations. No Sunday school can attain real success for Christ without loyalty. No department or school can succeed fully until a sense of loyalty possesses leaders and learners alike. The principles of loyalty must be learned throughout our fellowship."

Loyalty is based upon right teaching. By designating a special period of time for emphasizing loyalty to the Lord and His work, we can illustrate the necessity for loyalty—at one of the times we need it most—immediately after Easter.

Seven days have been set aside for the campaign. Easter Sunday is April 13. The loyalty campaign begins the next Sunday, April 20. It climaxes with Pen-

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At
GLAD TIDINGS CHURCH

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APRIL 10, 11, 12

The first service will be Thursday, April 10, at 7:30

Services on Friday will be at 10:00, 2:00, 7:30

Saturday services will be at 10:00 and 2:00

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The textbook will be **ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**.

The training courses will be held in the following places:

STOCKTON --

Calvary Tabernacle

April 14 thru 19

SACRAMENTO --

Bethel Temple

April 21 thru 25

TURLOCK --

Bethel Temple

April 28 thru May 2

EAST BAY --

Three Classes as Follows

May 5 thru 9

**EL CERRITO—Assembly of God
Tabernacle**

OAKLAND—Temple Church

**HAYWARD—Bethel Full Gospel
Church**

ALL SURROUNDING CHURCHES
ARE URGED TO AVAIL THEMSELVES
OF THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING.

Every church that has 50 per cent or more of their officers and teachers receive certificates will be given full credit for a Workers' Training Course.

tecost Sunday, June 1st. Loyalty to Christ, the Bible, one another, family (Mothers' Day), Sunday school, church and the Great Commission are stressed in consecutive order. Each Sunday school class or department should seek to have all its members present every Sunday of the loyalty campaign. They may have a special project which will encourage faithfulness. Your school may wish to honor with an award all the persons who have a perfect attendance record during the loyalty campaign.

The opening services of the Sunday school may be built around the cam-

Missions

Fiji Islands

(Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst, now on furlough, have been missionaries in Suva, Fiji, for over twenty years.)

We wish to inform you about the terrific hurricane that swept Suva on Monday, January 28. We were attending the District Council in San Francisco at the time, and when we heard about it we immediately sent a cable to our relief missionaries there, asking for information by return cable. Four days later we received an answer, telling us of minor damage. However, we were to receive worse news.

The hurricane struck the northwestern corner of the island and then moved down the east coast, seeming to reserve a special burst of fury for Suva. It left a broad trail of appalling destruction through the island. At its peak, the velocity of the blow at Suva was about 150 miles per hour, officially conceded to be a conservative estimate.

Our church building received minor damage, but our house had to stand the full blast of the hurricane. Situated on a hill one mile out of Suva, the back of the house faced the tremendous impact of the storm; so it is a miracle that it still stands. About one fourth of the roofing blew off. Four windows and frames, ceiling and wallboard of one room were destroyed. Two doors were blown off and broken up. One corner of the house was shifted, part of the foundation destroyed by a big tree being uprooted. Porch railings, gutters and other trimmings were blown off. The whole house was soaked with the rain on the inside. The main floor of the house was swept by the fury of the hurricane as it broke through the doors and windows, carrying many things out of the house by the force of the wind.

Just now, as we compute our needs, such as printing press and Hindi type,

the *Superintendent's Assistant* you will find an opening worship service theme worked out in detail for each Sunday of the loyalty campaign. Your Sunday school may wish to sing the loyalty campaign theme chorus each Sunday. You will find this chorus in the official Assemblies of God Sunday School calendar. "Spasmodic, irregular and vacillating people are easy prey to Satan's schemes. Through a program of systematic Bible teaching, the Sunday school proposes to edify, perfect and unify," says Paul Copeland.

So promote, dramatize and point up loyalty in your Sunday school. You can do it in a most effective way by carefully planning the post-Easter loyalty campaign to remind people that faithfulness can be an exciting and challenging experience.

Borst

and further personal equipment, we are also faced with the repair of our home.

(The California address of Brother and Sister Borst is 514 Castilian Way, San Mateo. They desire to return soon to Fiji and will appreciate any help to meet this need.)

The damage done to the home and station of Brother and Sister Heeteby in Suva has not yet been learned.

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Chili

(Brother and Sister Lowell E. Dowdy are now in Valdivia, Chile, having returned to South America several months ago.)

Word came to us that Clifton Ericson would be in Valdivia to begin special service on February 9. Up to five days prior to the beginning date every attempt to secure a municipal building was thwarted because in these very days Valdivia was celebrating her 400th anniversary as a city. God softened the heart of a theatre owner to rent us the second largest theatre in the city; so we were encouraged. The nightly rental was reduced from \$40 (American money) to \$25. According to U. S. economy this would seem nothing, but here in Chile this is the equivalent of three weeks labor for a skilled carpenter. Our total church offerings for a month average \$25; so you see that to contract a daily debt such as this was quite an undertaking. But God saw us through.

From the very first night, God began to manifest His power and glory. Many definite visible miracles of healing took place and souls were added to the Kingdom. All day a constant stream of afflicted souls kept knocking at our door seeking the "wise man," the "doctor," the "healer." Some said, "I know the Virgin will heal me." So, seeing what had to be done, we began afternoon instruction classes to teach those who wanted healing. They were pointed first to the One Who heals from the leprosy of sin. They were given a card to present in the evening service. Only eternity will reveal the good done by the sacrificial ministry of Brother Erickson. We are inspired to believe God for greater things, and now in practically all our services folks come to be prayed for and God continues to deliver and to heal the oppressed.

The day after the Ericksons and the John Jacks returned to Santiago, our long-expected equipment arrived from Valparaiso—refrigerator, two stoves, and washing machine. However, our joy was soon turned to mourning when we opened the crates and discovered that everything had been stolen. This included our sheets, bedding, toaster, waffle iron, several pairs of shoes, larger size clothing

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Glad Tidings

Bible Institute

They Teach Our Youth

This month we present . . .



MARK J. BELL, at home with his family

One of the younger, but better known instructors at Glad Tidings is Mark John Bell. Brother Bell first came to Glad Tidings as a student in 1942, and then in 1948 returned as an instructor, and has been with us since that time. Thus, he has been connected with our school over an extended period, and has acquired a broad understanding of the Glad Tidings spirit and traditions.

Brother Bell was raised in a Pentecostal home in California, and is a third generation Pentecostal believer. He is a graduate of San Francisco State College, with graduate studies in the University of California. For a time he taught public school in this state, and for three years he ministered as an instructor in North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

In 1945, Brother Bell was married to Eleanor Evans of Springfield, Missouri. Sister Bell has an outstanding soprano voice, and is frequently in demand for services and sacred musical programs. The Bells have one child, Marlene, who is now two years old.

The courses taught by Brother Bell at Glad Tidings include: Bible, Homiletics (how to preach), Pedagogy (principles of teaching), and a number of courses in Music. He is Director of the School of Music, and also Director of the Christian Service Department. He is faculty advisor to: the annual, *Tidings*, the Student Council, and the Junior Class. He frequently itinerates on behalf of the school with various musical groups, including the Glad Tidings Ambassador Choir, which he directs. Thus our Brother Bell, in a busy, active life, performs an able ministry both within and on behalf of Glad Tidings.

—L. T. H.

Here and There

ALAMEDA—In January and February, Evangelist Adolph R. Schmidt held a very good revival meeting in Glad Tidings Church, the meetings running for seven weeks during which time many were touched in answer to prayer, some for salvation and some for healing.

CUPERTINO—Pastor Dan E. Flaming accepted the call to the church in Tulare, and had his farewell service in the Monte Vista Assembly of Cupertino on March 9. The new pastor is Eugene Lawrence, who has been serving in recent months as an assistant of Brother C. M. Ward in Bakersfield, as minister of the youth work.

DELHI—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there February 25. Brother Gaston was the speaker for the afternoon service. The evening speaker was Evangelist H. J. Ketner. The church served a fellowship dinner between the services. The pastor is Brother B. H. Givens.

FALLON—Evangelist B. C. Finrock began a revival meeting in this Nevada city on March 2. The pastor is Kathleen Carter, assisted by Rosemary Berlin.

FERNDALE—The church has recently been redecorated on the inside. Brother W. M. Frazier has been pastor since January.

GARDNERVILLE — The assembly is moving from its former rented quarters on the edge of the town to a downtown building large enough to provide for an auditorium, Sunday school rooms, and six apartment rooms. The pastor is Brother Andy Rowlett. Gardnerville is in Nevada, south of Carson City.

GUERNEVILLE—The Full Gospel Assembly in Guerneville has joined our District fellowship, and has called Brother Walter E. Smith to be the pastor. (See picture.) Brother Smith has served the churches in Reno and in Elko, Nevada.

HAWTHORNE—The Nevada sectional fellowship meeting held there February 18 was very well attended. Pastor Thomas Sutton of Las Vegas was the afternoon speaker. The evening service was a C. A. rally, in charge of Sister Kathleen Carter of Fallon, the C. A. sectional chairman of Nevada. Evangelist P. M. Cantelon of Seattle was the evening speaker. The pastor in Hawthorne is Brother C. C. Anderson, the District presbyter.

KERMAN—In mid-February, Pastor J. C. Snyder reported: "We have just closed a workers training course here at Kerman, with N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Oklahoma in charge. The last Sunday we had a great Sunday school rally, when 40 people were given certificates. We studied the textbook "Through the Bible Book by Book." The Grace and Truth Tab-

ernacle had revival meetings early in March, a week with Brother O. C. Kitchens, followed by a couple of weeks with Brother F. A. Childs of Fresno.

LINCOLN—The new pastor is Brother Oscar C. Arnesen, who returns to this District from the Southern Idaho District, where he has served as District Superintendent for the past several years.

LIVINGSTON—Brother James E. Wilson of Madera has been chosen to be the pastor to succeed Brother Earl T. Hunt.

LOS BANOS—The assembly has chosen Brother Thomas M. Ming, Jr., to be the new pastor, successor to Brother Paul Radley. Brother Ming comes to us from the Southern California District.

MARYSVILLE—The Marysville assembly dedicated its new building, Bethel Temple, located at 13th and Buchanan Streets, in special services combined with the fellowship meeting held there March 10. Brother Gaston and Brother Thurmond were guests and speakers for the occasion. There will be more about this fine new house of worship built by Pastor W. E. Hubbard and congregation in a subsequent issue of Glad Tidings.

MODESTO (6th and G) — Brother Rayford Aderholt, who served as acting pastor for some time, has been chosen pastor by the congregation.

OAKLAND (Calvary) — Early in February, during the fourth week of meetings with Evangelist Claude Wood, report was received that the meetings were very good, with people interested and going to the altar for salvation and for the baptism of Temple is Brother Oliver L. Foth.

PATTERSON—Brother Edward L. Klin-sky of Sacramento has been chosen for the pastor of the assembly there. Brother Klansky is a former member of this District, and is transferring back. The former pastor in Patterson is Brother E. G. Kenedy.

RIVERBANK—Evangelist P. E. Robertson held a revival campaign with Pastor Paul M. Cooper early in March.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel) — The Capital section fellowship meeting was held in Bethel Temple on February 11. There were two afternoon speakers: Pastor Douglas H. Cooksey of Auburn and Pastor Walter Boring of Capital Assembly in Sacramento. The evening speaker was Pastor R. A. Wilson of Roseville. The pastor of Bethel is Brother Clyde A. Henson.

SALINAS (North Side) — Pastor Chas. Coffey of Watsonville and Evangelist Leonard Miller, also of Watsonville, began two weeks of revival meetings for Pastor Oral A. Hart on March 16, the speakers making the trip from Watsonville to preach on alternate evenings.

SAN BRUNO — Evangelist Z. P. Miller held two weeks of meetings for Pastor Ivan Chapman from February 10 to 24.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Evangelist Owen Murphy of England held three weeks of revival meetings in Glad Tidings Temple for Pastor L. R. Keys. The campaign ended March 7.

SAN JOSE (Calvary) — The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held in Calvary Temple on March 10. The meetings were well attended and all enjoyed a good day of fellowship. The speaker for the afternoon was Pastor F. T. Curry of First Assembly. The evening speaker was Brother Robert Thomas, returned missionary from Argentina. The Pastor of Calvary is Brother T. Kermit Jeffrey.

SANTA CRUZ — Pastor Raymond P. Murray reports having three weeks of very good revival meetings with Evangelist Ed-



THE FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY OF GUERNEVILLE is a recent addition to the District fellowship. This gospel work was started some years ago in the home of C. F. Heilbron, who built the church on a part of his own property. The building was dedicated in November 1949. It has since been incorporated, and in December, 1951, it was affiliated with the General Council as an Assembly of God. Early in February, Brother Walter E. Smith was called to be the pastor.

die Washington, the campaign ending on March 9.

SEASIDE — Brother Oral Hart, before he went to the North Side Assembly in Salinas, held a good revival campaign for Pastor C. J. Hodges from February 10-29.

SOUTH FORK—The Bull Creek Assembly now has Brother and Sister Arnold L. Lawson of Rohnerville serving as pastors.

THORN—Brother Jasper G. Ellis of Arcata has been called to be the pastor, following the resignation of Brother V. T. Eldridge, who went to Weott.

UKIAH—Of the Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting held there Tuesday, February 12, Pastor J. R. Edgar, who is also the presbyter, writes: "Brother S. S. Webster of Lakeport spoke in the afternoon. Brother Kenneth Haystead, the Assistant Superintendent, brought the evening message. It was a wonderful day of blessing."

WILLITS—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there March 10. The afternoon speaker was Evangelist Earl Cleveland of Washington. Brother Herman Pencovic was the speaker for the evening service, which was held in the high school auditorium, where his pictures of Palestine were shown. The pastor in Willits is E. A. North.

YREKA—The presbyter, Brother Albert Rowley reports: "The Shasta fellowship meeting was held there February 19, with a good crowd in attendance in spite of bad weather conditions and lots of sickness. Pastor L. W. Coor of Fort Jones was the afternoon speaker. Brother W. M. Austin, the new pastor at Mount Shasta, brought the evening message. At least one was saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost." Brother J. A. Benney is the pastor.

Wedding Bells

The Full Gospel Temple in Richmond was the setting for a wedding on January 26, when Paul Callahan and Dona Maynard were joined in marriage. Pastor C. E. Persing performed the ceremony. The young couple are making their home on the home missions field, at Lookout, California, where Brother Callahan is now serving as pastor. He graduated from G.T.B.I. with the class of '51.

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The wedding march could be heard again in Glad Tidings Temple on March 8. On that Saturday evening James R. Adkins and Joy Elaine McGill exchanged marriage vows, Pastor L. R. Keys officiating. The Adkins will be making their home in the parsonage in Daly City, for Brother Adkins is the pastor of the church at Hanover and Evergreen Streets.



FAITH TABERNACLE IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO is another one of the fine new churches in this District fellowship. This building, situated at Hillside and Arden Streets, was started a little over three years ago, when the church became self-supporting. Erected with practically all donated labor, its estimated value today is \$40,000, and it is free of debt. The new church home, the sixth place of worship for this assembly, seats 200 people. The building program continues, for now the Sunday school facilities are started, to provide about 10 additional rooms. Yet to be built is a 39-foot addition to the present building to provide space for a choir loft. The blessing of the Lord rests on the services from week to week, souls being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the regular meetings. The first month of the year, eleven new members were taken into the church, and \$135 was given to missions. The WMC was organized in January. There was no Assemblies of God church in South San Francisco when Pastor C. E. Curtright went there in 1940. At that time the population of South San Francisco was between 6,000 and 7,000. The 1952 population is estimated to be about 22,000. Pastor Curtright and the members of the assembly are to be congratulated for the splendid building, a good home for a growing Sunday school and church in a growing community.

Personal Mention

Sister AGNES RODLI has returned to McGrath, Alaska, with plans to remain indefinitely. She is carrying on the work in McGrath until the Phillips return from the States with the plane made available to them. On their return, Sister Rodli will help with the plane ministry, reaching isolated villages and nearby towns. Only 50 miles from Nikolai, she will be able to go back there occasionally for a gospel service in the school she and Sister Mildred James had for several years.

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His friends will be glad to know that though the accident that badly damaged his car near Tracy on March 16 did injure him, Brother DONALD WESTON has recovered rapidly and was back at his regular schedule of activities in a short time. He was hurled to the pavement when his car was struck from the rear by a truck, the impact springing the doors open.

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After four weeks of revival meetings in Mason City, Illinois, Evangelist and Mrs. HOMER M. DOYLE went to Elmer, Missouri, for a campaign.

With the Lord

Friends of Brother Alvin Branch will regret to learn that he has slipped out of this life and has gone to his reward. He passed away February 11. Brother Branch made his home in Southern California in recent years as he continued his ministry of Bible teaching.

FOR SALE — Vibraharp (Musser Century) 3-octave, like new. Contact James Swanson, 21218 Montgomery Ave., Hayward. Phone LUcerne 1-7353.

LOTS FOR SALE AT BETHANY Park
No. 218 on Bethany Loop, by Mrs. Winifred League, Box 365, Escalon.
No. 54 on Pissag Heights Road, by H. Arvid Lindberg, 430 Crescent Ave., San Francisco. Full price \$675.

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HOUSE FOR SALE at Bethany Park....
Modern 2-bedroom home, about 1,000 square feet floor space. Hardwood floors, rustic finish. On Lots 129, 130. Property includes Lot 128. 150 by 156 feet, 25 large redwoods. First house on right on main drive into the grounds. If interested, write A. Otteson, 3832 Lyman Road, Oakland. Phone KEllog 4-4620.

Summary of the Year's Work for the WMC

A great forward step was taken for the Women's Missionary Council in the past year in the appointment of a National WMC Secretary by the executive brethren at Springfield. The work has grown until it is necessary that we have a co-ordinator in order that there will not be duplications and that fair distribution can be made.

There were the usual number of sectional and local WMC rallies during the year, but something unusual, which has proved successful in creating interest for WMC and the missionaries, is the combined sectional rally and missionary convention. Three of these were held: the first at Reno, Nevada, the WMC sectional rally being held the day following the sectional fellowship meeting, with the evening service and two full days of missionary meetings; the second was held at Calvary Church, San Jose, the first day a sectional rally and the evening service, and the following day missionary meetings; the third was held at the First Assembly of God in Santa Cruz, WMC sectional rally in the morning and afternoon services, with a missionary meeting that night. The local groups gave reports of work done, projects planned, and exchanged ideas, displayed handwork and gave gift showers to the missionaries. There were missionary speakers at each service, with the offerings taken at the missionary meetings going entirely to the missionaries, while those taken at the WMC services were divided according to the instructions in the bylaws. A number of such conventions are being planned for the coming year. We trust every section in the District will have at least one.

All of our 100 groups contributed in our Christmas project of remembering our home missionaries and Christian workers in the smaller churches, Indian Sunday school children, missionaries and missionary children, and orphans in the various orphanages at home and abroad.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Marion Minogue, reports that \$1,007.74 went through the District fund this past year, a great gain over previous years. This is due to the good cooperation of many in sending one-fourth of rally offerings and the tithe of local offerings for our District fund. We spent \$29.33 more during the year than came in, but at the beginning of the year the cash on hand was \$228.20, so at the close of the year there was \$199.23 in the bank.

Work done by the WMC for the year, as gleaned from the report blanks, is as follows: distribution of Christian literature, seven boxes, 88 pounds and 21,234 pieces. (Some groups diligently keep

records, others do not); 11,210 hospital, sick and house-to-house calls, 301 boxes sent to foreign missionaries, and offerings amounting to \$1,719.07; 176 boxes to home missionaries, and offerings of \$1,139.44; for church and community, \$798.64 and 221 boxes; relief to Korea and flood areas, 221 boxes, 2249 pounds and food valued at \$334.00; 1,117 quarts of fruit and vegetables canned for missionaries and G.T.B.I., 31 pints of grape juice for home missionaries; 301 quilts were made, 11 baby quilts and 64 layettes; 20 boxes were sent to orphanages and children's homes in Alaska, India, Egypt and our National Children's Home, 1118 garments, towels, quilts, dolls, nuts, candy and cookies, also \$220 support for orphans from one group, \$5 a month for an orphan in Egypt, offering for orphanage in India. One group alone sent offerings amounting to \$291.25 to foreign missionaries. \$35 to home missionaries and gave \$119 to foreign and home missionaries who visited their group and spoke for them. Another group gave 60 one-pound boxes of candy and cookies to service men and to rest homes, and hospitals. One project is paying \$449.67 for a church carpet. The women in one group take turns cleaning the church, and the money previously paid to the janitor goes into their fund. The Woodland WMC had a "Dollar Party" which yielded \$26 for their fund. They sold Christmas cards which netted them \$14.76, and "Sunshine Bags" netted \$22.54.

Some of the special things accomplished during the year include \$100 given toward the heating system for the Juneau, Alaska Children's Home, two new Sunbeam toasters for the Pinellas Park Home in Florida, paint for a home missions parsonage, a washing machine for a home missionary, silver for a missionary, material for graduation robes for Glad Tidings Bible School in Peru, and over \$100 for draperies for the G.T.B.I. reception room in the dorm and draperies for the front of the Bethany Park Chapel. There were a number of sectional projects, also, which include \$300 given by South San Joaquin toward a deep freeze-refrigerator combination for Brother and Sister Lawrence Borst, Fiji; a long-short wave radio by North Bay for Sister Eileen Edwards, India; a missionary food shower, "Pack-a-Drum" project by Lake and Mendocino; and East Bay completely furnished a guest room at G.T.B.I. to the amount of \$230. A number of groups canned fruits and tomatoes. Several groups are investing in commercial canners this year so they will have cans of fruit for the missionaries. Cereals, package mixes,

flours, etc., can be canned for those going into warm countries.

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Christian books can still be sent either to the District office in care of Mrs. R. I. Thurmond for Mrs. Rosemary Goins for her boys and girls clubs in Hawaii, or to Mrs. Alva Houghton, 11 Plaza Drive, Mill Valley, Calif.

A note from the Headricks in Hawaii thanks all the WMC groups that sent packages at Christmas time and explains that they are glad for the baby clothes and children's things. They expect to have their orphanage building ready so that children can be taken by September. A special need is birdseye diapers, shirts and receiving blankets. Sister Lucille writes: "We have heard of such a number of babies who are unwanted! Pray that God will supply every need for the children's home." —Mrs. R. J. T.

Missions

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for Jonathan, kitchen utensils, and many other things too numerous to mention. The only thing left was the carriage of our mimeograph, which the thieves had overlooked. On these four items and their contents we had paid a duty and a commission of \$320. The detectives for the railroad company are on the trail of the culprits and some day may recover some of the goods. Virla had a good weep, but we are reconciled, resting in Romans 8:28. After all they were just things; and we still have Jesus and health with which to serve Him.

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Samoa

Lucas

(Brother and Sister Maurice Luce have opened a Christian grade school in Pago Pago, the new term beginning March 3. A little later the Bible school will be opened.)

From across the table the baker of Fagatogo looked at me rather soberly I thought. I'm sure there were tears in his eyes. It was surprising that a man like this, who spent so much time bossing stevedores along the Pago Pago waterfront, should have tears in his eyes. He said, "I will remember this day as long as I live. This is one of the greatest events of my life."

We were seated at the school desk in the former bombproof building at Happy Valley, a building which was built by the armed forces during the last war for a communication center. Many long months of hard work were spent in drilling through the cement walls to make windows and doors. It was the opening registration day for students at the Happy Valley Christian School. The reinforcing steel still remained intact in the openings, giving the effect of looking out through prison bars. The freshly broken concrete around the edges of the openings was mute evi-



G. T. B. I. NEWS IN PICTURES: (1) Evangelist and Mrs. Lorne J. Case, who conducted an outstandingly blessed revival in the school. (2) Miss Evelyn Hatchett, (left), our new Dean of Women, and Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Gerhart. Brother Gerhart, a board member of Glad Tidings, had brought a lovely chapel message. (3) Pastor C. J. Coffey of Watsonville, and Evangelist O. A. Hart, now of Salinas. (4) Visiting speaker Fred Lindblad of the Christian Home League. (5) A giant of the forest falls as woodcutters remove dangerous and unnecessary dead trees from the campus. (6) Brother Vernon H. Gararden poses in front of the campus book store. (7) Visiting speaker Kermit Jeffrey, a San Jose pastor. (8) Newlyweds Paul and Dona Callahan, pastors at Lookout, California. (9) Returned missionary to China, Sister Lula Bell Hough, with Sister Marjorie Maddocks, Editor of GLAD TIDINGS, Miss Hough, now WMC President in Ohio, had been ministering on the West Coast in missionary convocations. (10) George and Betty Sampson, campus visitors. Betty (nee Porter) is a graduate of '48. (11) Campus visitor, Evangelist Louella Nathan, class of '29. (12) Sister Heicksen, the new pastor of Campus Church, displays the record board indicating the continued growth of the Campus Church Sunday School.

nessing wherever they went.

Even the freshman reception became a revival service, when several outside friends who had been invited were brought under conviction and gave their hearts to Christ. Others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It started in the dormitory hall prayer meetings one night, continued on through the next day, and five received the baptism of the Spirit.

It was a high peak when the sister who does the cooking for the school received the mighty infilling of the Holy Spirit. She is a minister belonging to another denomination which does not see our position regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The students were enjoined not to press her unduly regarding this but to pray and live a consistent life that would witness more loudly than any words. Imagine the shout in the camp when it was learned that our sister had been in the prayer room into the wee small hours and had been gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

One week, reports showed twenty-three saved and one received the baptism in our outstation meetings. A new Sunday school started in a nearby community has now nearly fifty members and gives promise of becoming a good new church. At a Saturday night street meeting in Santa Cruz, fourteen raised their hands for prayer, and nine came into the school bus and knelt to give their hearts to Christ.

The students, however, were beginning to feel the need of a deeper work of God in their lives, and were praying for someone to be sent who would lead in a special student revival week. God answered by bringing a consecrated and anointed young man and his wife, a beautiful singer, to Glad Tidings. Rev. and Mrs. Lorne J. Case are from Kitchen-er, Ontario, Canada. After closing a successful campaign in Vancouver, B. C., they came to visit the Dean of the School. Brother Peirce and his wife. After speaking at a morning chapel service it was the unanimous feeling of the faculty that God had really sent His man for the hour.

This was a *revival of heart searching*. Then as the meetings progressed, there came a *revival of a tender conscience*, followed by confession of faults one to another. Little things which had been covered over began to take on great proportions in the light of God's holy presence, and a revival of restitution was in evidence. This is God's pattern of true revival. This has already resulted in an even greater passion for the lost than had been manifested throughout the year. A revival in the church will always find its way into the hearts of the unsaved.

An Observer

Revival Fires Burn at GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

Revival fires are burning at Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Not only at this present writing, but from the very start of the school year, there has been a true spirit of revival. Revival did not manifest itself in the manner that one is accustomed to in Bible schools; that is, the Spirit of God usually falls soon after the first of the year, when God deals with the hearts of all—classes are dispensed with as the spirit of prayer sweeps through the student body.

This was different. It didn't wait. It started at the beginning of the school year, when numbers of the students were possessed with a real passion for souls, and began to go out throughout the surrounding area, into small towns and communities, in the mountains and valleys, holding services—starting Sunday schools—visiting house to house and wit-

dence of many long hours of heat and toil.

I remembered those weary days of hard labor when wishes and prayers were born. There had not been enough money to finish the new school building, and neither did enough funds arrive to purchase steel to make trusses and columns; so school was opened in Happy Valley instead of in the proposed new building which was started on the shore of Pago Pago harbor.

There was a sea of brown faces before us. Fathers, mothers, and big brothers and sisters who were bringing the little ones for enrollment. We had expected to have an enrollment of about thirty, but the registration kept growing until it reached ninety. I suddenly felt a big surge in my heart, and tears filled my eyes too. I couldn't say anything, but a very happy feeling kept growing larger inside my heart. I wondered if Saaga, the baker and stevedore boss, felt as I felt. It was certainly a most wonderful day. This is what we had been working together for, and now Happy Valley Christian School was open.

No one is born a Christian, but he is . . .

Born Again A Christian

by Wm. E. Pickthorn

Too frequently today people look upon Christianity as a matter of church membership or mere intellectual acceptance of some dogma or creed. Their attitude is typified by the response of a certain man who, when I asked if he were a Christian, replied, "Of course. What do you think I am, a Hotentot? I'll have you know that I was born in these United States."

It is a real privilege to have been born in the United States, but when it comes to the matter of Christianity the question is not, "Were you born in the United States?" but, "Have you been born again?" It is not so much a question of doctrine, dogma or creed, but of personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. When Nicodemus came to Jesus enquiring the way of eternal life Jesus did not tell him to put his membership in the First Apostolic Church of Jerusalem, or to subscribe to the creed of the Pharisees, or to memorize the five books of Moses. Instead, He said simply, "Ye must be born again."

Some years ago when I was ministering as a visiting evangelist in the deep south, and had preached a sermon along these lines, a lady of evident culture and wealth said, "Now, that kind of sermon is all right for the underprivileged people of the lower classes, but it really doesn't apply to me." "You don't seem to realize," she said, "that some of us are religious people with generations of church membership behind us. Why, my great grandfather was one of the founders of my church, and our family has had its membership there ever since." "You don't need to preach to us about the new birth," she said; "save that for the people of the slums."

I was happy to be able to point her to the fact that while the Bible contains a message for the people who are down and out and who in desperation appeal to the Lord for help, that it was to a person of just her kind that Jesus had said, "Your own background, your culture, your intellectual grasp of spiritual truth is not enough." "*You must be born again.*" The man to whom Jesus made this statement was a ruler among the Jews, a member of one of the strictest of religious orders, and looked upon as a teacher of the way of life. Jesus saw that he needed to experience what he

light.
This has always been one of the basic principles of Christianity, not simply knowing about Christ but experiencing fellowship with Him—and living Christ.

This was the way the early church lived. And they lived with great joy because they walked constantly in fellowship with the resurrected Lord. This is the way the church of Jesus Christ has lived ever since wherever and whenever it has accomplished anything in this world. Oh, not all denominations have lived that way, but true Christians have lived in this experience.

This is the way true Christian experience begins. I shall never forget, a number of years ago when I was a young Christian playing as a professional musician. One of my musician friends came to church, and heard this kind of gospel. He experienced the kind of meeting that results when this gospel is preached. At the close of the service he was asked, "Would you like to be a Christian like this?" He didn't speak much English, but he said, "Yes, I would." And so we said, "You ask the Lord to accept you, and you can be this kind of Christian." He replied, "But how shall I do it. I don't know how. I have never prayed in my life." We said to him, "Well, aren't you sorry for the kind of life you have lived up to now?" He said, "Yes, if I could live a life with the joy that you have I would gladly exchange it for my own." And so we said, "Tell that to Jesus." Then in his own broken English he said something like this—over and over again he said it, for he didn't know what else to say—"Jesu penitant;" "Jesus, I'm sorry; Jesus, I'm sorry; Jesus, I'm sorry." And then, without our telling him what should happen next we saw a sudden change in his countenance, and he jumped to his feet and fairly shouted, "Gloria, gloria. Something has happened to me, gloria." He had found the joy of salvation.

And I want to say to all that this is not only the way Christian experience begins, it is the way we should live it every day of our lives, for we are promised that "with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation"—not only at the moment of the new birth, but as we walk day by day with our Lord.

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Reputation is a bubble which a man bursts when he tries to blow it up for himself.

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Be careful what you start while trying to stop something.

THE RESURRECTION

There was special exultation
Mid the radiant hosts on high,
On the resurrection morning—
How the wondrous news did fly!
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Yes, He's risen from the dead;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He is risen, as He said!"

Looking down from heights of glory,
With angelic vision keen,
"Very early in the morning,"
Women, three, by them were seen,
Walking slowly toward the hillside
Where their Lord was laid away;
Oh, their hearts were full of sadness,
But 'twas near the break of day!

"How we loved Him! How we loved Him!
But our hopes lie buried there,
In that rock-hewn tomb with Jesus;
Yet we will our spices bear
To anoint His precious body—
But who'll roll the stone away—"
Oh, the wondrous joy awaiting
At the breaking of the day!

Lo, an angel sent from Heaven
Swift descended to the tomb,
Rolled the stone and sat upon it—
Glory now, instead of gloom.
When the women, hardly daring
To believe their eyes—or ears—
Saw the angel, heard the message,
Then dispelled were all their fears.

"Be not affrighted, ye seek Jesus;
Come and see where once He lay
Then go tell that He is risen;
Go and tell He lives today!"
And the message of the angel,
Full of wonder, so sublime,
Is for us who now are living
In this Christ-rejecting time.

He lives! He lives! and reigns in glory!
Listens when His children pray.
Oh, it is a wondrous story!
That He's coming back some day;
And will gather all His jewels—
Those who love Him more than life,
All the Blood-washed, all the holy—
Overcomers in the strife.

—B. Staples

Begin now to plan for . . .

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